

**REMARKS**

Examiner Butler is thanked for indicating that Claims 1-9 are allowed.

By way of this Amendment, a new Abstract of the Disclosure is provided which meets the 150 word limit.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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